

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg – Hybrid Meeting

## Final Minutes

### PRESENT

Erik Smedley (U/R) ..... Bedford County  
 Carson Eckhardt (U/R) ..... VDOT-Lynchburg District  
 Josh Moore (U) ..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
 Evan Tuten (U/R) ..... Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
 Bret Butler (U) ..... City of Lynchburg  
 Tyler Creasy (U/R) ..... Amherst County  
 Ryan Roberts (U) ..... City of Lynchburg  
 J.P. Morris (U/R) ..... VDOT-Salem District  
 Johnnie Roark (R) ..... Appomattox County  
 Rachel Frischeisen (U) ..... City of Lynchburg  
 Leslie Gamble (U/R) ..... Amherst County

### ABSENT

Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R) ..... Campbell County  
 Sara McGuffin (U) ..... Town of Amherst  
 Andrew LaGala (U) ..... Lynchburg Regional Airport  
 Rob Fowler (R) ..... Town of Appomattox  
 Abigail Courington (U/R) ..... Bedford County  
 Mary Zirkle (R) ..... Town of Bedford

*U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region*

*R- Members representing the rural area of the region*

### STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Hitchcock ..... CVPDC/CVTPO  
 Alec Brebner ..... CVPDC/CVTPO  
 Ada Hunsberter ..... CVPDC/CVTPO  
 Patti Lassiter ..... CVPDC/CVTPO

## **1. Welcome and Virtual Participation Acknowledgement**

Erik Smedley, serving as meeting Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Smedley asked everyone to introduce themselves.

## **2. Approval of Minutes – Action Requested**

Mr. Smedley requested a motion to approve the March 13, 2025, minutes.

**MOTION:** Josh Moore moved to approve the minutes as corrected. J.P. Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor; the minutes were approved.

### 3. **Draft FY26 Urban and Rural Work Program**

Draft FY Rural Work Program: Kelly Hitchcock provided an overview of the FY26 Rural Work Program, noting there were no substantive changes since April. Remains a \$72,000 program and incorporates language for options to assist localities with projects that may arise. Hitchcock noted the TTC can move to approve this month or wait for the May meeting.

#### Draft FY26 Urban Work Program

Hitchcock reminded the TTC that she provided an overview of the general wording changes to account for some federal program prioritization changes. It was noted that the changes did not change the commitment to public outreach and integration of outreach to match locality and project needs. Hitchcock thanked Evan Tuten for his assistance in the review.

Hitchcock noted the VDOT Section 1 FHWA/VDOT program funds of \$614,242 noting that this was an unusual funding amount but is reflective of FY24 unspent funds and funds saved for the Long Range Transportation Plan. Hitchcock noted

Important details are on page 23. Notably, section one shows \$614,242 for fiscal year 2026, which is unusual and includes FY24 \$269,990 carryover and FY26 \$344,352 allocation. Review of the key projects, including the Multimodal Plan, the Long Range Transportation Plan. Hitchcock reminded the TTC that the UPWP incorporates language that allows for technical assistance, planning support, that can include on-call consultants, for projects that may arise, including activities to advance Safety Action Plan recommendations. Finally, Hitchcock noted that the budget shows a potential \$163,252 in rollover for funds that would be available in FY28. It is these funds that can be, should they be needed, be available in the year and has flexibility.

Hitchcock noted that the FY26 allocation for DRPT, FTA 5303 funds was not yet known. However, as recommended by DRPT, the FY26 budget is based off the FY24 allocation. Hitchcock noted the 5303 funds are fairly consistent and thus, would not change the project focus, being evaluating business interest for bus services along Timberlake in Campbell County; a GIS-based bus stop analysis using DRPT evaluation methodology; continuing the multimodal project and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Thriving Communities.

There were no specific questions related to the rural and urban work programs.

### 4. **FY24 Work Program Update**

#### a. **221 Corridor Study**

An overview of the Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> public meeting at Forest Public Library was provided. Hitchcock note the 5 to 7 pm meeting was attended by approximately 30 people, which is a smaller turnout than the first public meeting. Hitchcock noted the Recommendation Survey is open and will remain open to the 28<sup>th</sup> and ERP noted 96 completed survey. EPR will present the recommendations based on this feedback to the Bedford BOS.

#### b. **Central Virginia Safety Action Plan**

Hitchcock provided a short update, noting that a Work Group meeting would follow the TTC meeting and was the reason for the earlier starting time. Hitchcock noted that EPR sent out the Draft Safety Action Plan and that if anyone had not received to reach out to Kelly. Hitchcock encouraged locality representatives to review the document and share any comments/concerns noting the document is their Plan and should serve the needs/expectations of the localities.

#### c. **Lynchburg Multimodal**

Kelly gave a brief update of the Multimodal Plan and presented the GIS connectivity/spatial map that Timmons Group had developed and reviewed at the March 27, 2025 meeting. Hitchcock noted the map was at the early analysis and prioritization development. Hitchcock provided a brief summary of the various layers, including the ¼ mile evaluation

grid that including a rating of amount of destination/connectivity factors within each ¼ by ¼ mile area, and evaluation parameters in the early analysis maps. The maps also showed pedestrian and bicycle level-of-stress ratings.

Hitchcock noted that June is the month where public engagement will be executed and public review of the maps and recommendations will take place. Hitchcock noted there would be robust outreach with a range of stakeholders to support broad participation and opportunities to view and comment.

Rachel Frischeisen shared that she is impressed with Timmons' methodology and how they are integrating all elements, and she definitely appreciates everything Kelly is doing.

## **5. Long Range Transportation Plan**

Kelly apologized for not yet having the scope and time on the Long Range Transportation Plan. She did note that key data factors were in place and that the Safety Action Plan has also pulled data that was a function of the pending LRTP.

Tyler Creasey mentioned that he likes to use it whenever he sees available funding. He is wondering about possibly having someone on retainer whom localities can contact to utilize their services for submitting projects. These projects could include revenue-sharing initiatives, smart scale projects, and navigating VDOT's portal. Tyler believes this would benefit Amherst County, especially since our staff consists of only two people. He also wonders if other localities might find this service advantageous as well. Hitchcock noted that PDC staff can assist with applications and that, depending on the project location, program funds can support development efforts. Carson Eckhardt reminded the localities that VDOT is a source for assistance in project development. Carson and Hitchcock noted they would coordinate with Creasey to consider project development assistance.

## **6. Matters from the Committee**

### **a. State and Federal Partner Program Updates**

Evan Tuten, DPRT provided updated including FTA 5303 funding opportunities will be available in web grants until May 1. Tuten noted that DRPT is developing the Six Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) and that details on public engagement will be posted on the DRPT website.

### **b. Other**

CV Commuter Services: Ada presenting some Central Virginia Commuter Services pending Bike Month programming which will include a bike photo contest where folks can win prizes. Hunsberger noted that she has partnered with Café Montebello, located on the lobby floor of the Bank of the James building, to have the winner image posted in the restaurant. Hunsberger also announced that DRPT is incentivizing people to log their bike trips in the Connecting Virginia app by offering a \$500 gift card to one participant who logs a bike trip. This is a statewide contest, so we hope to see many people getting involved and commuting by bike.

US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant: Hitchcock shared information on the final round of the US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All grant round, which is proposed to now be the last round, application due June 26, 2025. About a billion dollars is expected to be distributed with about \$580 million for implementation and \$402 million for planning and demonstration projects. Hitchcock reminded TTC members that a locality could apply for a range of planning and demonstration projects that can coordinate with the Central Virginia Safety Action Plan. Hitchcock noted that she will send information to register for the USDOT SS4A How to Apply webinars.

## **7. Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Josh Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, and Tyler Creasey seconded it. The vote was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.